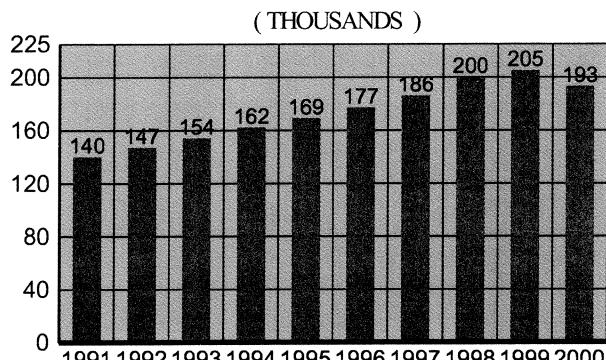


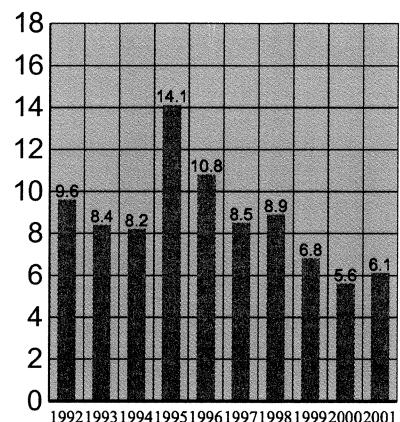
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LAREDO METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATION

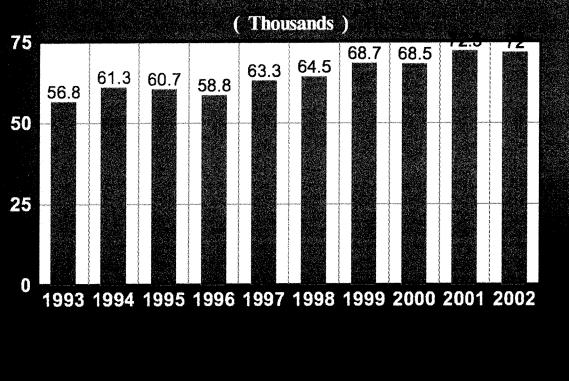


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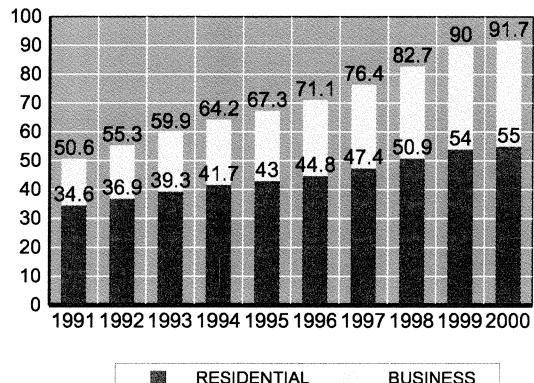
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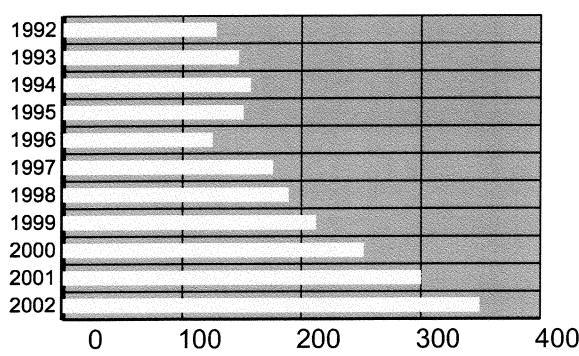
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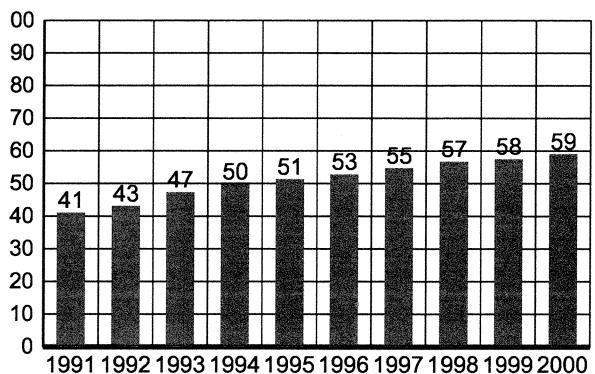
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TOTAL BUILDING PERMITS

(\$ MILLIONS)



ELECTRIC CONNECTIONS (Thousands)



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